TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB

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The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club is devoted to the study of all forms of Natural History,and is comprised of both experts and beginners.We cover a wide variety of topics,and we support conservation.Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, except January,in the C.S.I.R.O. conference room ,Stowell Ave., Battery Point,at 7.45 p.m. Outings are usually held the following weekend,meeting outside the new entrance to the Museum, Macquarie Street.

The Club's address is G.P.O. Box 68A,Hobart,7001

PROGRAMME

THURS.,4TH FEBRUARY	Dr. Stephen Smith and Miss. Jayne Wells, from the Department of Lands ,Parks and Wildlife will tell us about the management of animals and plants in Tasmania's World Heritage Area.
SAT., 6TH FEBUARY	9a.m. start. Val. Dell, the Warden at Liawenee will show us over some of the large Central Plateau area which he manages.
THURS., 3RD MARCH	Annual General Meeting. Vice President Phil Collier will give a short talk on his recent trip to Chile.
SAT.,5TH MARCH	10 a.m. start. Piers ALbrook will lead a trip in the Hobart area to have a last look for dragonflies for the year.(For all those who missed the last one.)
THURS., 7TH APRIL	The vegetation changes on Macquarie Island as a result of man's activities will be explained by Dr. Rod.Seppelt, of the Australian Antarctic Division.
SAT., 9TH APRIL	9 a.m. start.Dr. Stephen Smith will take us to the Maydena area to show us the aspects of the material discussed in February.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Yes,March is nearly with us again,and this gives YOU the opportunity to become really involved with your Club. As many of the current members are resigning due to other commitments(e.g. our President has taken up a post overseas) there are plenty of positions which you could fill. Meetings are only held every two months, the work outside that time is dependent only on your commitment. The jobs are:

President:- Who has to be Chairman at Committee and General meetings, write the occassional letter,particularly in his own field of expertise;represnt the Club,if required.

Two Vice Presidents:- Act in the place of the President when he is not available .

Secretary:- Keep minutes of all meetings ,and prepare agendas for same, answer correspondence,usually under the direction of the committee ; arrange for letters to be collected from the P.O. box and distribute appropiately;keep such records that may be required.

Treasurer:- Simple bookkeeping,preparing bimonthly statements for

the Committee meeting and an Annual one in March. Keep Membership records.

Assistant Secretary:- Act as Secretary in their absence. Prepare the quarterly Newsletter,and arrange its distibution.Send current issues to new members who join"between issues".

Four Committee Members:-Attend meetings-and whatever jobs for which you volunteer.

Librarian:- This is an ex officio position on the committee,and is appointed by the Committee.Helen Davidson who has been our staunch Librarian for many years would be willing to train someone in this position. Someone who can spend a couple of hours a month ,and who is able to lift and carry ,would be a help to get the archive material sorted at the beginning of the year.

So please make sure that you have the nomination form on the bottom of this Newsletter into the Secretary before the 17th February.

We are also in urgent need of people on whom members of the Committee can call to do any typing that may be required,as we do not want people who may be willing to do a job be put off because they can't type,or do not have access to a typewriter or typist. Please if you have this skill let the Secretary know. The bigger the pool, the less you will have to do.

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NEW ZEALAND ECOLOGISTS' VISIT.

Sixteen (apparently very knowledgable) New Zealanders,mostly from the South Island, spent a fortnight exploring the delights of the Tasmanian flora and fauna, a trip which had been arranged by Neil Gibson,from the University of Tasmania,and Kath Dickenson. During that time Len Wall took them on a bird excursion,and joined them when Neil led them around the Mt. Field area. Margaret Mollison was with the ecologists when they visited Wadamana and the Central Plateau with Jamie Kirkpatrick,and Peter Fielding joined them at Cradle Mountain. They had obtained collecting permits, of which they made good use,especilally the entomolgists. On most evenings there were a couple of talks,one by a Tasmanian,and one by a New Zealander.

As everyone enjoyed themselves so much,there may be the possiblity of a reciprocal visit next year.

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NOMINATION FORM

I hereby propose_____for the position

of_____ President,(2 x)Vice President

Treasurer,Secretary,Assistant Secretary,(4x) Committee Member

Proposer_____

Seconder_____

I agree to stand for the above position(Nominee's signature)

Date_____